Seaport Neighborhood Association

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Hi All,

On March 24 of this year, I sent a letter to you on behalf of the Seaport Neighborhood Association. In it, I expressed our support for the overall Sleeper Street reconfiguration with one major exception. As we understood the configuration, we were not in favor of the counterflow bike lane for the reasons we expressed.

Since that date, I had the chance to meet with Jennifer Campbell and Lydia Hausle at the location of an existing counterflow lane. They subsequently provided us with a detailed design of how the bike lane would work on Sleeper Street. The information offset our concerns about bikes coming into the Seaport Boulevard intersection, particularly if they turn left onto the Moakley Bridge. The plan for guiding bikes to a 'box' on the north side of Seaport Boulevard and waiting for the east-west signal to turn green alleviates our concern that bikes would be competing with vehicle traffic in that intersection when the north-south green is activated.

We continue to have concerns that it may not be intuitive for pedestrians to expect bikes travelling against the one-way traffic on Sleeper Street but believe that will be overcome with proper signage and experience.

I would like to sincerely thank Jennifer and Lydia for taking the time to meet with me and providing the details we needed to truly understand the proposal. We are now fully supportive of the plan and look forward to its construction.

On a related note, we have had productive conversations with the owners of the Thomson Street private way and are optimistic that they will work with us to ensure the flow of traffic on this street, which we expect to see increased traffic due to the Sleeper Street changes.

As always, thanks to everyone at Boston Streets for all you do and being such a big part of improving the Seaport.

Best regards,

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